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We will remain engaged with the foreign service as they continue to debrief the source to try to determine if he fabricated his entire story—as some analysts believe—or whether his reporting contained an element of truth.

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- We are considering several possibilities to explain how the source could have created his story
- [REDACTED]

- Foreign government service sensitive reporting from 2002 indicated that Iraq in the 1990s made 10 mobile biological fermentation plants for production of single cell protein.
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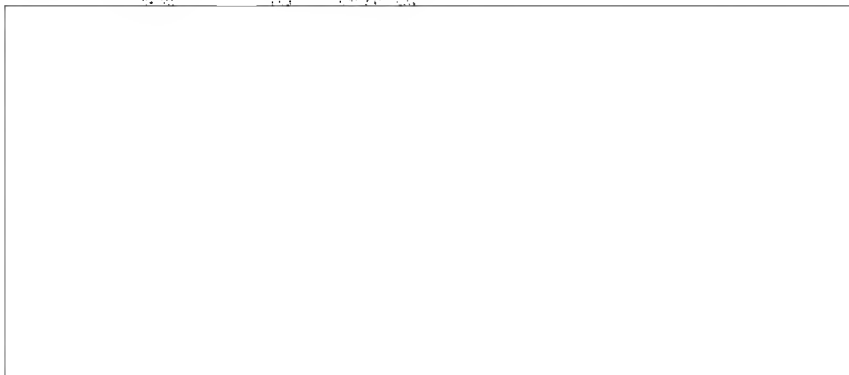
Key Mobile BW Source Deemed Unreliable [redacted]

Investigations since the war in Iraq and debriefings of the key source indicate he lied about his access to a mobile BW production project, substantially weakening the intelligence case that Iraq had a mobile BW agent production program. The source's prewar reporting—most of it obtained by a foreign government service—was the basis of our assessment that Iraq had a transportable BW production program. The reports will be recalled.

- CIA took several steps between 2000 and 2002 to evaluate the source's reporting, including [redacted] assessing the technical feasibility of the mobile BW production units he described. It was not until [redacted] we found the discrepancies that helped us gain direct access for the first time in late February and early March to debrief him on his mobile BW reporting.

- We have no other direct testimony that Iraq built mobile systems specifically to produce BW agent. [redacted]

The source's reporting also was the basis for our assessment that the two trailers found by Coalition forces last year probably were intended for BW agent production, based largely on their similarity to the plants he described. CIA analysts are now uncertain about the intended use of the trailers, although they still judge the trailers would be capable of producing biological agents after minor modifications.



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